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4,000-pound motor crashes on worker

Industrial accident.

Department of Labour investigating incident at hotel construction site

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"The individual saw his lower body pinned."

Brad Connors, Halifax Regional Fire division commander

A man in his 30s was hospitalized with serious injuries after a motor weighing more than 4,000 pounds crashed down on his lower body at a work site Tuesday night.

Halifax Regional Fire division Cmdr. Brad Connors said firefighters and police were called to the old Citadel hotel on Brunswick Street at about 7:30 p.m. He said workers were putting a piece of equipment in place when the motor fell off a construction elevator and onto the man.

"He was pinned between two pieces of machinery," Connors said.

"I think the motor weighs something like 4,200 pounds."

It took a dozen firefighters and rescue equipment to get the motor off the man, who saw his lower body crushed. Connors said paramedics treated the victim while the rescue took place.

After being freed, the man was rushed to hospital. Connors said he was in stable condition when he left.

"He's definitely got some serious injuries," he said.

Halifax Regional Police Staff Sgt. Reid McCoombs said officers interviewed several people on site and have given the file

over to the province's Department of Labour.

"It's a fairly serious accident," McCoombs said. "We don't go to too many of these."

Chrissy Matheson, a spokesperson with the Department of Labour, said occupational health and safety staff were on site investigating the accident Tuesday night. She also said more information could be provided on Wednesday.

"No further details are known at this time about his condition," Matheson said via email.

SilverBirch Hotels and Resorts is partnering with the international Hilton chain to build two new hotels on the old Citadel location.

The hotels — Homewood Suites and Hampton — are scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2014.

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ACCUSED KEEPS LAWYER

Andre Denny leaves Halifax provincial court on Tuesday after appearing to set a date for a preliminary inquiry in the Raymond Taavel homicide case. Denny was again represented by Don Murray, who the 33-year-old suspect had said he was firing in his last court appearance. Story, page 4. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**



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Council approves writeoff accounts

Money matters.
More than \$80,000 in bus-ticket revenue owed



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The issue of writing off uncollectible accounts turned into a hot topic of conversation during Tuesday's Halifax regional council meeting, much of the discussion centring around lost bus-ticket revenue.

Coun. Stephen Adams asked staff to explain how the former Nic Nax convenience stores could owe HRM nearly \$82,000 in Metro Transit ticket sales.

Store owners receive a month's worth of passes at a time and then staff invoice the tickets and the retailer pays HRM in return, said manager of revenue Jerry Blackwood.

According to the report from the audit and finance committee, Nic Nax had been planning on paying back the city when it closed in December. There were no assets to pursue for payment, and HRM was advised it should be a writeoff.

Blackwood said changes are coming for Metro Transit that "can mitigate future losses," because tickets and passes will become obsolete with new fare technology similar to a MacPass system.

"The ridership would sign up for passes and be updated

monthly through pre-authorized debit balance," Blackwood said.

Coun. Linda Mosher also had an issue with how many recreational groups were on the writeoff list, and said the collection process should be improved.

"Some aren't significant, but there has to be a process, so I would like that to come

back (to council)," Mosher said.

Bill Karsten, the councillor who tabled the report, told council there was a justifiable reason for every entry.

"I don't think it's necessarily helpful to single (groups) out if there's a valid reason that a little \$17 cheque had to be written off for one reason or another," he said.

\$1.3M purchase approved

New, smaller fire trucks on the way

Council has awarded the tender of 11 new rescue pumper fire trucks to the lowest bidder, and approved the purchase of three of the same vehicles for nearly \$1.3 million. Fire Chief Doug Trussler said the trucks look like a regular fire engine with ground ladders on the side, but are smaller and better able to navigate city streets. **METRO**

Motion for church funding deferred

The issue of funding for the Brunswick Street United Church has been postponed until next week.

- Coun. Wayne Mason had made a motion for council

to approve \$12,075 to the church for the purchase of a wrought-iron fence and gates, but then asked to defer the motion until next Tuesday without giving a reason.



Where it's always sunrise, sunset on the Dartmouth waterfront

A pedestrian walks past a huge mural near the Dartmouth waterfront on Tuesday. The mural was part of the Dartmouth Cove Mural Art Project, which started in 2007.

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Lawyer will stay on in Taavel case

Menz Bar tragedy.

Man accused of beating Raymond Taavel, a 49-year-old gay-rights activist, to death last April decides to keep his defence lawyer after all



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The man accused of killing Raymond Taavel outside a downtown Halifax bar has decided not to fire his lawyer after saying last month that he could no longer trust him.

Andre Noel Denny, charged with second-degree murder in the death of the 49-year-old gay-rights activist, appeared in Halifax provincial court Tuesday morning and told the court that defence lawyer Don Murray would continue to represent him.

Murray said the decision came after a lengthy meet-

Quote

"He's had some challenges, but overall I think we're in a better place than we were in February."

Defence lawyer Don Murray on Andre Noel Denny's current condition

ing with Denny, 33, and family members on Monday.

Denny, from Membertou in Cape Breton, will be back in court for a three-day preliminary inquiry beginning on July 8, more than a year after he allegedly beat Taavel to death outside of Menz Bar in April 2012.

"It is a long way off, but in Nova Scotia we're generally looking at, from the time of arrest on a homicide ... about 18 months (until) the end of trial, so we're still within that time frame," said Murray outside the court.

Denny, his hair closely cropped, grinned at family



Defence lawyer Don Murray speaks with reporters at Halifax provincial court after his client Andre Noel Denny appeared briefly to set preliminary inquiry dates. JEFF HARPER/METRO

members as he was escorted by sheriffs into the courtroom, speaking only when asked by Judge Bill Digby if he was content to have Murray represent him.

"Yes, I agree," said Denny

after hesitating.

He was remanded to the East Coast Forensic Hospital, but the conditions of his remand have changed.

Before he was under assessment, but now the hos-

pital will maintain his fitness, Murray said.

That means Denny will have less restrictions within the facility — restrictions that were "wearing on Mr. Denny," said Murray.

"No one likes to be penned up or caged, but the restrictions on his liberty will be fewer on the rehabilitation side than they are currently on the assessment side," Murray said.



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Get a move on

Public to discuss active transport

The first of six public meetings focused on encouraging more active transportation in the municipality is set for Wednesday night.

The session, part of the active transportation review, will take place at Cole Harbour Place from 4:30 to

8:30 p.m. Presentations and workshops are at 5:15 and 7:15 p.m.

The meetings will help identify ways to encourage more walking, cycling and other active transportation over the next five years.

Another session will be held on Thursday at the Olympic Community Centre, with four more sessions planned over the next three weeks. **METRO**

On the rise

Theft spree of unlocked cars

Running into that store for a second? Don't forget to lock your vehicle doors, or any valuables inside could be taken.

Halifax police say the number of thefts from vehicles are on the increase and are reminding motorists

to lock your doors.

They say there has been 57 complaints of break-ins of vehicles in peninsular Halifax and from Bedford to Sambro since March 1. Police are recommending people put valuables like GPS and cell-phone chargers out of sight and to lock the doors.

"For this part of the year the numbers are increased," spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said. **METRO**

No passengers

Small fire on Metro Transit bus

Firefighters put out a fire on a Metro Transit bus on Tuesday afternoon. HRM spokeswoman Tiffany Chase says the out-of-service bus was returning to the garage in Ragged Lake when the fire happened. No passengers were on board. **METRO**

Halifax Regional Police

Award-winning cop retiring

A long-time officer who was awarded a national medal is stepping down. Supt. Stephen Sykes will retire March 31 after 39 years as a police officer in the Halifax area. He led the force's criminal-investigation division. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Stalled HRM amendments 'frustrating'

Progress interrupted. Council's waited over six years for 35 amendments to pass

New council, old problems.

During a Halifax regional council meeting Tuesday, many weighed in on the issue of legislative amendments that have been stalled for over six years.

"This is critical to all of HRM, and it's critical to the province, now that HRM is 50 per cent of the economic activity in Nova Scotia," said Coun. Wayne Mason.

"There are critical legislative changes that are required to en-

sure that the regional centre is growing economically, and in terms of population, as quickly as we possibly can."

Since 2006, HRM has asked for 35 amendments including everything from density bonusing on the peninsula to the definition of a "public street."

Last fall, former mayor Peter Kelly voiced his concerns that the process was restricting Halifax's prosperity, as amendments would help promote development in the downtown core.

Mayor Mike Savage echoed his predecessor's comments Tuesday as he stepped down from chairing the meeting to take part in the discussion.

"This is an issue that's a long time being resolved, and it's been frustrating for this council," Savage said. "I've felt that since I've been mayor."

Savage said it is important that councillors speak with provincial parties to make sure MLAs understand these changes, and that the city maintain a "mature relationship" with the province. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**



Police arrived on scene at the Halifax Shipyard entrance Tuesday after the yard received a bomb threat. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Shipyard bomb scare investigated

About 750 people were briefly evacuated from buildings and vessels at the Irving Shipyard in Halifax on Tuesday after reports of a bomb threat.

Irving spokeswoman Deborah Page said all buildings and ships were evacuated as a precaution.

"We had been advised this morning by police that there

had been a bomb threat," said Page on Tuesday afternoon. "Of course, the safety of our employees and customers and those working in the yard is our first concern."

Around 8:30 a.m., workers could be seen pouring out of buildings and into the yard. Two patrol vehicles were parked at the shipyard's entrance blocking anyone from

entering.

Page said the evacuation lasted about an hour.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said a 911 call came in at about 8 a.m. about a bomb being at the shipyard.

He said officers as well as a K-9 unit were called in to search the area, but no harmful packages or items were

found.

"There are no signs of anything dangerous," Bourdages said.

Bourdages said police were on scene investigating for about two hours.

He said a public mischief investigation has been launched to determine who made the call to police.

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"I have significant confidence we shall achieve some results."
Coun. Mike Savage

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Luka Rocco Magnotta collapses in courtroom

Hearing postponed.
Alleged killer fell after watching disturbing video evidence in case

Luka Rocco Magnotta collapsed to the courtroom floor after seeing video evidence presented against him, forcing a postponement in his preliminary hearing Tuesday.

Magnotta appeared distraught as the video played in the courtroom. When it was over, the suspect in a notorious killing-and-dismemberment case asked for a break. He stood up and fell on his right side, crumpling into a fetal position at the feet of a prison guard.

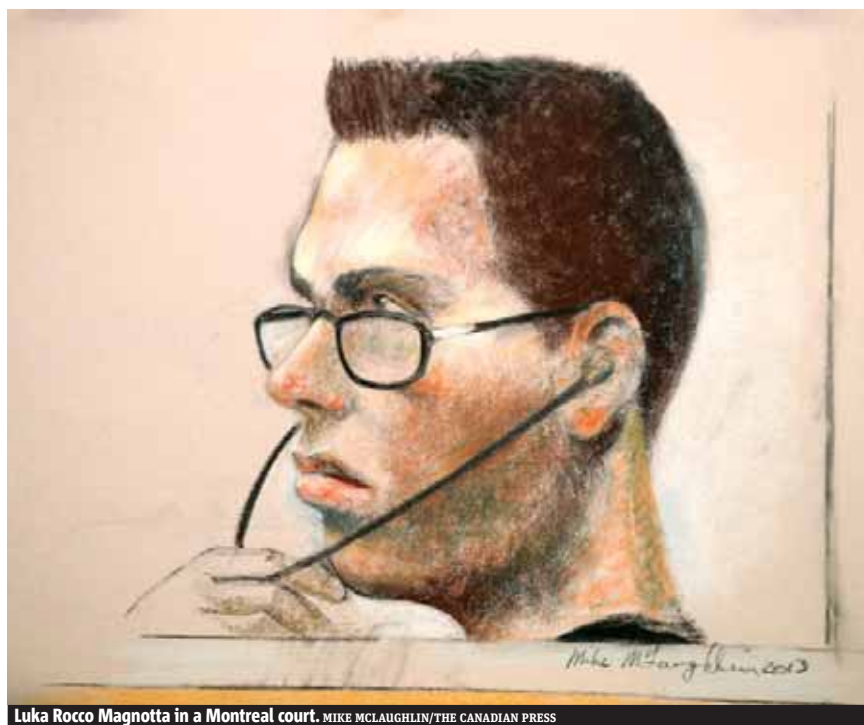
The evidence in the gruesome case is temporarily subject to a publication ban. It could be made public if the case goes to trial.

Magnotta was not back in court when the afternoon session began at 2 p.m.

"He really doesn't feel well and he's not able to continue," his lawyer, Luc Leclair, said.

Judge Lori-Renee Weitzman said they could not continue without Magnotta present. She ordered the case suspended until Wednesday.

During the morning segment, Magnotta had held his hand over his mouth, as if he



Luka Rocco Magnotta in a Montreal court. MIKE MCLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

felt ill. His eyes were closed for much of the session. The 30-year-old appeared to wipe away tears several times.

Even the judge appeared to be affected by the evidence. She winced slightly at one point in the video. Some police investigators present in the courtroom stared away from the screen.

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Charges

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Jun Lin, a 33-year-old Concordia University student from China.

- **Absent.** Lin's parents were not present Tuesday

morning. His father has attended the preliminary hearing at times but he has not stayed in the courtroom when the most graphic evidence related to the case has been presented.

Manitoba. Mennonites sought parenting advice before assault charges laid

Leaders of an orthodox Mennonite community in Manitoba reached out for counselling and parenting advice before two members were charged with beating children with various weapons, including a whip and cattle prod.

Enos Bauman, 54, and his son Cleason Bauman, 29, face various counts of assault and assault with a weapon. The younger Bauman is also charged with assault causing bodily harm.

Court documents show the alleged offences involve seven children, boys and girls, dating

back to July 2011.

The pair was arrested last week and released on bail under conditions that include avoiding the community.

Neither police nor the documents on file with the court have disclosed a motive.

Brad Reimer, a spokesman with the Mennonite Centre Committee of Manitoba, said Monday that leaders of the group came to Winnipeg last month and met with officials about "parenting concerns."

There was no follow-up, in part, because the community is so isolated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Steubenville, Ohio

Coach, others may see charges in rape

The head football coach at Steubenville High School and the owners of a house where an infamous 12-minute video was filmed could be investigated as Ohio prosecutors look into how adults responded to allegations of rape last year.

State Attorney General Mike DeWine said Sunday he would consider charges against anyone who failed to speak up after the rape of a 16-year-old girl in August.

Authorities also proved they won't put up with people harassing the victim, arresting two girls Monday suspected of threatening her online over the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kelowna, B.C.

RCMP search for callous dog killer

Mounties in Kelowna, B.C., have picked up the case of a heartless SUV driver and a grieving pet owner.

Police are searching for the driver after an incident on Feb. 28, in which the man ran over a leashed dog being walked by its owner.

While it was apparent the dog's injuries were very serious, the man refused to transport the bleeding animal in his SUV. He also refused to give the owner any information but promised to bring a veterinarian.

The man drove away and did not return. The dog was eventually taken to a vet but later died of its injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Desert tragedy. U.S. slaps ban on 60mm mortar after blast kills 7 marines

The fatal explosion of a 60mm mortar has prompted the U.S. Pentagon to immediately halt its use worldwide.

Seven marines were killed in the blast. Half a dozen were injured.

It happened during a training exercise in the Nevada desert — at the Hawthorne Army Depot, a facility used by troops headed overseas.

"We send our prayers and condolences to the families of marines involved," said Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox.

"We mourn their loss,

What went wrong?

The 60mm is a weapon that traditionally requires three to four marines to operate, but it's common during training for others to observe nearby. The worldwide halt will last until the weapon's safety can be determined.

and it is with heavy hearts we remember their courage."

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Sex-attack claim

Fearful woman jumps 3 storeys

A British woman travelling in India jumped out of the third-floor window of her hotel room, telling police she feared a sexual attack.

The woman said the hotel's owner tried to force

his way into the room by offering her a massage.

She was not badly hurt, but she suffered some injuries to her legs, police officer Sushant Gaur said.

Police arrested the hotel owner over the alleged incident in Agra, the site of the Taj Mahal. No charges have been filed.

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World's most powerful hear Pope's plea for the poorest

Francis's priorities.

The weakest and the environment must be protected, the 'omens of destruction' must be vanquished

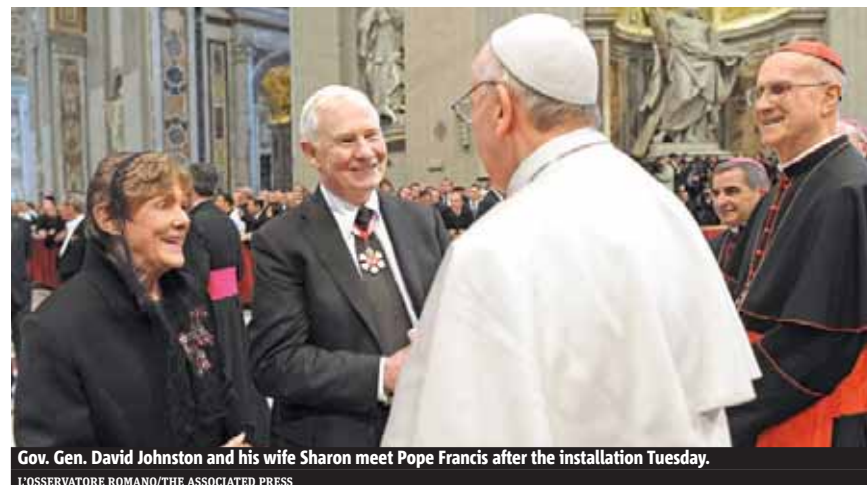
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Princes, presidents and sheiks — not to mention thousands of ordinary folk — listened intently Tuesday as Pope Francis laid out the priorities of his pontificate.

The environment, the weakest and the poorest must be protected, said the first Pope from Latin America.

"Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment," the 266th Pope implored.

Do not allow "omens of destruction," hatred, envy



Gov. Gen. David Johnston and his wife Sharon meet Pope Francis after the installation Tuesday.

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and pride, to "defile our lives," said the new leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics.

The occasion was 76-year-old Francis's installation mass, held on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

and attended by an estimated 200,000 people.

In Buenos Aires, they listened, too — thousands of people packed the central Plaza di Mayo square to watch the ceremony on giant TV screens, erupting in joy

when the Pope from Argentina called them, his words broadcast over loudspeakers.

"Don't forget that this bishop who is far away loves you very much. Pray for me," he said.

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Zimbabwe vote to end turmoil?

Zimbabwe's electoral body said Tuesday that 94.5 per cent of voters cast a ballot in favour of a referendum on a new constitution.

The constitution calls for a strengthening of human rights and a curb on presidential powers after a decade of political and economic turmoil in the southern African nation.

A new constitution was a key demand of regional mediators who forged a shaky and acrimonious coalition be-

tween Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe and the former opposition leader, Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, after the last violent and disputed national polls were held in 2008.

All main political parties had called for a "yes" vote in the referendum.

Judge Rita Makarau, head of the state electoral commission, said Tuesday that just over three million Zimbabweans voted for the draft constitution and 170,489



Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe casts his vote Saturday.

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voted against. The draft has now to be submitted to the Zimbabwe parliament for approval, a procedural formality, before Mugabe is asked to sign it into law.

The draft limits the future presidential office to two five-year terms.

Mugabe, 89, who led the nation to independence in 1980, can rule for another two terms if his party wins upcoming five-yearly parliamentary and presidential polls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massacre foiled? Student had scary arsenal: police

A University of Central Florida student who pulled a dorm fire alarm in the middle of the night had a more sinister plan than sending students scurrying out into the night.

Campus police said James Oliver Seevakumaran, 30 — who shot himself in the head as officers arrived — was armed with two guns, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a backpack filled with explosives and a plan to at-

tack other students as they fled.

His plans were thrown off by campus police officers' quick response to a fire alarm and a call to police from Seevakumaran's roommate, who hid in a bathroom after Seevakumaran pointed a gun at him, UCF police Chief Richard Beary said.

"I think we were very blessed here at the University of Central Florida," Beary said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jim Flaherty will also focus his budget eyes on the battered manufacturing sector, he says in a letter to the Conservative caucus. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILES

Jim's job: bring back the skills

Is this a clear budget hint? Many workers lack the training employers want, Flaherty says

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is signalling he'll concentrate on skills training, infrastructure and the manufacturing sector in Thursday's budget.

He outlines the three priorities in a letter to the Conservative caucus, but offers

few specifics.

"There are too many jobs that go unfilled in Canada because employers can't find workers with the right skills," the letter says.

"Training in Canada is not sufficiently aligned to the skills employers need. In Canada's Economic Action Plan 2013 we will take steps to address this important issue."

Ottawa is also expected to extend and possibly expand funding for infrastructure projects and tax breaks for manufacturers.

Flaherty has also said

Twitter a 'shoe-in'

We've all seen that pre-budget photo-op that features the federal finance minister buying a new pair of shoes. Now Twitter is a shoo-in. Flaherty will talk to Canadians via Twitter Thursday as he prepares to deliver the 2013 budget.

the budget will look to close tax loopholes in order to increase revenues.

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Tories ban researchers from remote lakes site

The Harper government is refusing to permit fully funded fresh-water research to take place this summer at the remote Experimental Lakes Area in northwestern Ontario.

Researchers from Trent University in Peterborough, Ont., were told this week they are barred from the site, despite starting their work and spending thousands of dollars on an approved trip to the lake last month.

Biologist Maggie Xenopoulos says the research on the environmental effects of silver nano particles — a common antibacterial additive to

World class

Ottawa is negotiating with the provincial government and others to take over the Experimental Lakes Area, which has been conducting world-class science since 1968 into everything from acid rain and climate change to mercury exposure.

clothing — was funded by an \$800,000 federal research grant and cannot be conducted anywhere else.

Xenopoulos says the biggest losers are the citizens of Canada who paid for leading-edge research that won't be done.

The federal government says the decision to close the facility will save it about \$2 million a year.

Although the federal agreement doesn't expire until September and negotiations for the transfer are continuing, a spokesperson for Fisheries and Oceans says no researchers are allowed on the 60 lakes this summer because the facility is no longer a federal operation.

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At last — a manual

How to win a war in cyberspace

Experts are publishing a rulebook on cyberwarfare.

U.S. Naval War College professor Michael Schmidt says it provides guidance for military leaders considering how to wage war online.

The officers and academics behind the manual say they aren't proposing new rules to govern rapidly expanding electronic armies.

But they say laws protecting nations and civilians apply in cyberspace just as they do on the traditional battlefield.

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Misfire. Soldier's 'stellar' career saves him from jail over comrade's death

A now-retired soldier convicted for his role in a deadly training exercise in Afghanistan has avoided jail.

A military judge pointed to former warrant officer Paul Ravensdale's "stellar" career Tuesday as he gave him a six-month suspended sentence, fined him \$2,000 and demoted him to sergeant.

Ravensdale, 43, was leading a test of anti-personnel mines near Kandahar city when one misfired.

Cpl. Josh Baker, 24, was killed, four others were hurt.

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Paul Ravensdale avoided jail at a hearing in Shilo, Manitoba.

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Cyprus votes down levy on bank deposits

EU financial crisis.

While protesters cheer move by Parliament, international bailout is now left in disarray

Cypriot lawmakers have rejected a critical draft bill that would have seized part of people's bank deposits in order to qualify for a vital international bailout.

The bill, which had been amended Tuesday morning to shield small-deposit holders from the deposit tax, was rejected with 36 votes against, 19 abstentions and zero votes in favour. One deputy was absent.

Hundreds of protesters outside Parliament cheered in jubilation and sang the national anthem when they heard the bill had not passed.

Cyprus will now have to come up with an alternative plan to raise the money.

If it doesn't, it won't qualify for external rescue loans, the country's banks face collapse and the country could go bankrupt.

The plan to seize bank deposits was part of a larger bailout package being negotiated with other European countries. It was met with fury in Cyprus and sent jitters across financial markets. Had the bill passed, banks in Cyprus had planned to stay shut until Thursday to prevent a bank run.

Although Cyprus is the smallest eurozone country to be bailed out, the proposal marked the first time savers' bank accounts were to be directly targeted. Other bailed out countries such as Greece, Ireland and Portugal have raised funds by imposing new taxes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sheer oversight. Lululemon recalling black pants that reveal too much yoga butt

Shares in Lululemon Athletica Inc. closed down \$1.76 to \$65.74 on the Toronto Stock Exchange Tuesday, after the clothing maker recalled some of its black yoga pants because they were too see-through and warned the move would hurt sales.

RBC Capital Markets analyst Howard Tubin noted it was the second product-related issue the company has had this year.

"Combine this with the problems they had with red and pink garments earlier this

year and bears could start to weave a narrative that Lululemon is consistently encountering execution issues while growing," Tubin wrote in a note to investors, referring to problems with bleeding in some of Lululemon's coloured clothing.

The retailer pulled its popular black Luon yoga pants from store shelves because the material used to make them was too sheer, showing off too much of their customers' assets. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A woman carries a purchase out of the Lululemon store in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood. **THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE**

Low-cost laptops

Chromebook comes to Canada

Google is continuing its march into the hardware business with a brand of cheap laptops designed for using the web — and not much else. On Tuesday, the Internet giant announced its Chromebook concept was finally available in Canada, more than a year after being released in the

U.S. and other countries.

Chromebooks look like standard laptops but don't come loaded with a version of Windows or a Mac operating system. They run on Google's Chrome OS, a streamlined platform with the web browser as the main attraction. They're being pushed as a low-cost device — they start at about \$250 — for users who spend most of their time on a computer using the Internet. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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THUMBS DOWN — STOP TEXTING

I think we're texting ourselves to death.

I was reading a story by a relationship therapist who claimed that Canadians text eight billion messages a month.

The point was something like: "How can anyone have a relationship when there's all that texting going on?"

That seemed like a lot to me, so I went to the Internet and did some research. No matter how you slice it, the guy's right. We do a terrific — or is that terrible — amount of texting.

According to one source, we send 227 million text messages a day or 10 million an hour. Another says Canadians send 2,500 messages a second for a total of 78 billion a year. While we're throwing around numbers, that comes to about 10 a day per subscriber.

In the U.S., according to the Pew Internet & American



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Life Project, the average user sends 40 messages a day, but young Americans 18-24 send or receive 109.5 messages a day.

It's easy to conclude we're all thumbs.

These numbers correspond to my anecdotal survey: nine times out of 10, wherever I go, everyone else is looking down. I'm the only one looking up.

I've tried to pretend to look down and be like everyone else, but my heart's not really in it. I have to admit I'm tired of texting, tired of tweeting, tired of email, tired of not talking to other people.

Other people are actually pretty interesting, but only if you can get them while they're not texting. They're also not very interesting if their fingers creep toward their

smartphone (41 per cent of Canadians say they keep their cellphone in reach at all times), nor are they interesting

when they try to talk to you and text at the same time (18 per cent; at least they're trying).

It starts to get interesting when they try to drive and text at the same time, but not in a good way. An editor at Car and Driver found that it took longer to stop when he was texting than when he was legally drunk — an extra 70 feet, which is enough to drive you straight into the nearest tree.

So here I am texting you, and here you are reading this text. Whoops.

I hope you find this text interesting. I hope it encourages you to put away your smartphone and look up.

Perhaps you're not driving into the back end of the car in front of you at this very moment. Bonus. That means it's not too late to put the phone away and start relating to other people, like your spouse, parents, friends, colleagues, perfect strangers. It doesn't matter. They've been so busy texting, none of them will recognize you anyway.

Start small. Smile. Remember? That's something you do with your face, not your thumbs.

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Hole-y, what a church

Empty building a sign of the times

A see-through church stands on a hilltop in Borgloon, 80 kilometres east of Brussels, Belgium.

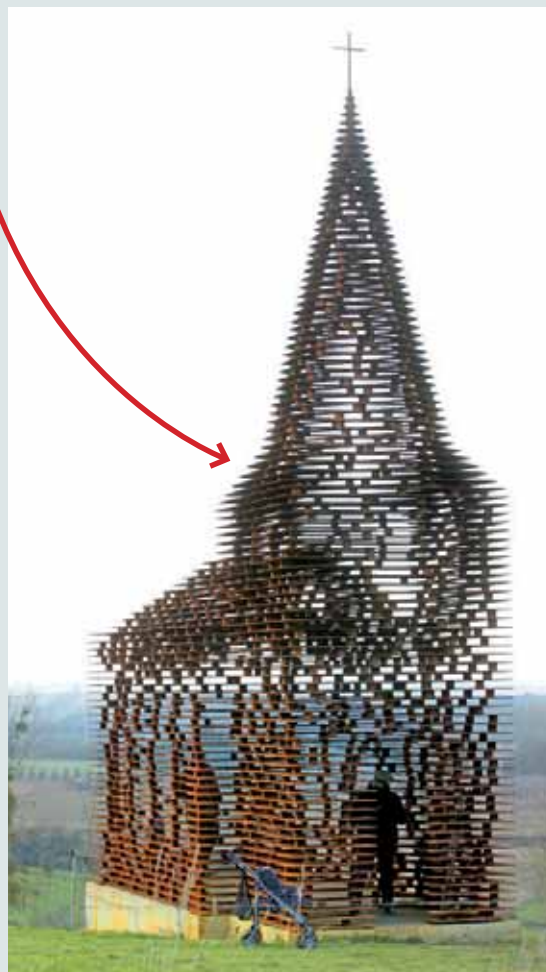
The artistic vision of the church is made of rusty steel beams separated by gaps, and its austere beauty won it an international architecture prize. Yet the eerie desolation of the see-through installation has also turned into a reflection on the state of Roman Catholicism on a religion-weary continent where real churches, like the dozen dotting the hills of this verdant area, increasingly lose their flock and function.

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Interest across Europe crumbles like a wafer

Across large swaths of Europe, empty pews and empty pulpits are the stark reality of centuries-old churches in a continent where, not so long ago, the village spire was the main point of reference for society.

Pope Francis faces a daunting array of challenges, and one of them is bringing souls back to the historic heartland of the Catholic Church. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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For example

- For signs of this decline, look no further than Paris, at the famed Notre Dame Cathedral.
- On Pope Francis' installation day, thousands of tourists easily outnumbered less than 200 worshippers in the pews, even as the ceremony on St. Peter's Square was televised inside.
- Many churches have been turned into restaurants and shops, or even demolished, often given a new function in society never intended by those who originally built them.

Lean structure wins award

This disappearing act gave Pieterjan Gijs, of the Gijs Van Varenbergh architecture firm, ideas.

The Borgloon art installation's layered structure allows visitors to see right through it, and this evanescence gives it a double layer of beauty and philosophical depth. It won the 2012 prize for best religious building by the website Arch Daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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@JennBarker82: Crocs - every colour every style!

@MEdingerReMax: acid bleached jeans, bell bottoms, corsets, and rugby pants

@Ketchum_All: Anything Ed Hardy..

@alangdon17: crocs, horrible horrible.

@bandrews14: suit jackets with shoulder pads. Who ever thought that shoulder pads was a good idea, or belonged outside of hockey or

football

@DariaTuhtar: Cheap flip flops. I don't want to see your disgusting foot-shaped grime and sweat stains.

@CatBourque: clothing that droops below butt cheeks....

@duizerbarbie: was at Forever 21—acid wash jean shirt!—some things from the 80's should never come back

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@PengoMommy: Leggings with prints that are in stores right now. Unless you are under 12 or a stick you can't get away with it.

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Tina Fey's latest project has her starring alongside Paul Rudd in the movie *Admission*. HANDOUT

Fey's decade of comic clout

New movie. From SNL to a best-selling book to hit movies and a sitcom, the female comedian continues to break new ground



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Tina Fey regularly appears on the Forbes' annual Celebrity 100 list of the most powerful celebrities. She's made the Entertainment Weekly roll call of Entertainers of the Year and Time called her one

of the most influential people in the world. Did I mention she's also really funny?

For nine years on Saturday Night Live she worked behind the scenes — as the show's first female head writer — and on camera as the anchor of Weekend Update.

"She might be the best Weekend Update anchor who ever did it," said Dennis Miller. "She writes the funniest jokes"

Then came 30 Rock, the medium-rated but critically adored sitcom, a best selling book and a celebrated impersonation of Sarah Palin that even got the thumbs up from the ex-Governor.

This weekend she's on the big screen in *Admission*, a comedy co-starring Paul

Rudd. She plays a Princeton admissions officer who thinks one of her new recruits is the son she gave up for adoption years ago.

Fey made her film debut a decade ago in the quirky comedy *Martin & Orloff* as part of an ensemble cast that included SNLers Amy Poehler and Rachel Dratch.

That movie didn't garner much attention, and her role of Southern Woman even less, but in 2004 she shortened the unwieldy title *Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughters Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends, and Other Realities of Adolescence* to *Mean Girls*. The story of high school in-groups was a hit and launched the careers of Rachel McAdams and

A comedienne

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Dennis Miller
Talking about Tina Fey.

Amanda Seyfried.

She co-starred in *Mean Girls* as math teacher Ms. Norbury and made on-screen appearances as Front Desk Girl in *Beer League* but got her name over the title in *Baby Mama*.

She played Kate, a single 37-year-old businesswoman so desperate to have a baby

she hires Angie, an inappropriate South Philly wild child (Amy Poehler) to be her surrogate.

Next was the stranded-in-big-bad-New-York-City movie *Date Night* opposite Steve Carell.

The movie wouldn't be as enjoyable as it is without the two leads. Fey and Carell breathe life into a hackneyed situation, bringing not only likeability, but also great chemistry and a way with a line that really works.

In the animated *Megamind* she voiced intrepid girl reporter Roxanne Ritchi, kidnapped by the master of all villainy Megamind (voice of Will Ferrell) and next year she stars with Ricky Gervais in *The Muppets* ... again.

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Hate Spring Breakers? Benson doesn't care

Interview. Ashley Benson unfazed by backlash to Disney stars kicking it up a notch in party flick

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Ashley Benson, the *Pretty Little Liars* star, makes the jump to film in the most attention-grabbing way she can: alongside Selena Gomez and Vanessa Hudgens as coeds gone bad in Harmony Korine's *Spring Breakers*. The film finds the girls' characters knocking over a diner to fund a wild week in Florida, ending up in jail and bedding down with a crazed, gun-toting, drug-slinging amateur rapper named Alien (James Franco).

And you know what? Benson likes that you may hate this movie.

There's a lot of noise surrounding it, about the content and the Disney backgrounds of your co-stars. When you're at the centre of this kind of storm, how do you deal with it?

I don't really listen to it. Harmony just wanted people to be left with a feeling, and if they're horrified, that's amazing, if they loved it, that's even better. So I like when people hate the movie because it's like, wow we really affected you and you're really disturbed, and that's great.

"Just pretend it's a video game" stands out as a particularly telling line of dialogue.

Well, that wasn't actually in the script. The script was more descriptive and very visual, very little dialogue. (Korine) said to pick out three scenes from the movie (for the audition), and each

scene maybe had two lines. It was more of just visually what people looked like, what the girls were wearing, that they would dance, that they would play with guns, that they would have this love scene with Alien. And that's what made the movie so brilliant, because half the things were made up on the spot two minutes before we shot or it was improvised. But that line is actually a very good line, and it's so true. Nowadays people live

Whose movie is it anyway?

"That's what made the movie so brilliant, because half the things were made up on the spot two minutes before we shot."

Ashley Benson
Talking about shooting *Spring Breakers*.

in this world where video games are so realistic. I

mean, there are so many shooting games, and these girls watch cartoons and play video games and get high and get drunk. So for them to be able to do this, they just pretend like they are in a video game.

This is a great way to start a film career. Where do you go from here, movie-wise?

I think I want to do another one like this. I want to work with a director who's kind of like Harmony.



Ashley Benson could care less if you don't like her new movie *Spring Breakers*. HANDOUT

Lauper just wants to have fun as Broadway composer

Kinky Boots. Grammy award winner prepares to open her stage show, which is based on an obscure 2005 British film

Writing her first musical turned into a time machine

for Cyndi Lauper.

As the Grammy Award winner began work on the exuberant *Kinky Boots*, it took her back to her childhood, where she was likely to be found listening endlessly to cast albums on a record player.

There was *There's No Business Like Show Business* and *My Fair Lady*.

And *South Pacific*, of

course.

She remembers her grandmother coming downstairs and ripping *The King and I* off the player after one too many spins.

"My mother said I was a little odd as a kid," says Lauper, 59.

"I was alone a lot but I didn't feel alone. When I sang with those records, I'd be Julie Andrews and there was Rex

Harrison sitting on my mother's bed. I was Mitzi Gaynor. I was Ezio Pinza. I think she had Mary Martin, too — I was all of them. I was pretty good until they sang duets."

Sitting backstage at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre, waiting to catch another preview of her 15-song debut as a Broadway lyricist and composer, Lauper is both nervous and humble.

The little girl who listened compulsively to show tunes has now delivered her own.

"It's the closest thing to being five," she says.

Kinky Boots, which opens April 4, is based on an obscure 2005 British film about a British shoe factory on the brink of ruin that retrofits itself into a maker of fetishistic footwear for drag queens.

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Cyndi Lauper has written her first musical, *Kinky Boots*. GETTY IMAGES

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Who is the father of Michael Jackson's children?



THE WORD
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For years, I've gazed upon the children of Michael Jackson and wondered: "Are they really his kids?" What trips me up is that they kind of look like him, but only after he underwent his radical plastic surgery.

But then I remember that if he were still alive and "un-adulterated," Jackson should look a lot more like Tito and a lot less like LaToya. I guess what I'm trying to clumsily say is that even with a white mother, Blanket, Paris and Prince should look more like a young Michael and a lot less like the crypt keeper he be-

came. Also, holy cats: What a crazy family.

Anyway, it's looking more and more like MJ is not the father of his children (I knew it! Kind of!). According to TMZ, in their nasty wrongful death lawsuit against AEG Live (Katharine Jackson and Blanket, Paris and Prince are suing the entertainment giant for \$40 billion for the negligent hiring and supervision of Dr. Conrad Murray during preparation for Jackson's This Is It tour), his family is asking to exclude any evidence of the true paternity of Jackson's children.

I'm unsure why the paternity would be entered into evidence — I'm far from a legal scholar — but the fact the Jackson family is trying to block this is telling.

Also, if the Jacksons do prevail against AEG, I hope they use some of those billions for therapy for those poor kids. Because even the best therapist in the land (Dr. Phil, duh) cannot go there.

Guess who's going back to rehab

Lindsay Lohan is heading back to rehab. After reaching a deal with Judge James Dabney relating to her car crash last June, Lohan entered a guilty plea to giving false information to an officer, reckless driving and violating her probation, according to TMZ.

Lohan was offered 90 days in jail but is allowed to serve out that sentence in a locked rehab facility. She is also on

the hook for 30 days of community service, 18 months of psychotherapy, plus she has to pay fines and restitution to the victim in the car accident.

"This is it," Dabney told Lohan at the hearing. "You violate your probation, and we are not going to have this conversation about putting you back on probation." He also offered her some personal advice: "Don't drive," he said.



Lindsay Lohan



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Vergara freezing her eggs

Sofia Vergara takes planning for the future very, very seriously. "I have to be careful what I eat because they're freezing my eggs," the 40-year-old Modern Family star tells Vogue, adding that she's currently taking hormone pills. "After that it is hormone injections. They want to get as many good eggs as they can because usually you produce them but they're not good. They have to be perfect, perfect, perfect ones. My boyfriend is 37, younger than me, never had kids. So."



Bradley Cooper

Who is Cooper's new girlfriend?

Bradley Cooper was spotted in Boston this week spending quality time with his rumoured new girlfriend, 20-year-old model Suki Waterhouse, according to E! News. The pair braved the cold to take in some tourist attractions but ended up an attraction themselves. "People were recognizing them so they walked quite quickly to avoid the crowds," a source says. "They were having a good time together, touching and teasing each other. They were laughing a lot and couldn't keep their hands off each other."

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Gomez jokes about Bieber to Letterman

Selena Gomez is apparently over her relationship with Justin Bieber enough to joke about it, as she did during a chat with David Letterman this week. "No, I'm single. I'm so good," she told Letterman when he asked about Bieber. But Letterman wasn't done: "Now, the last time [Bieber] was on, he and I got into a conversation and he said something, and then I said something, and he said something, then I said something and I made him cry," the talk show host recounted, to which Gomez teased, "Well then, that makes two of us."



Selena Gomez

Is Albuquerque's tourism industry Breaking Bad?

Drug-induced dilemma. New Mexico city is profiting from visitors scoping out sites from hit TV series, but is it a rep they want to promote?

A fast-food burrito chain in Albuquerque has become an international tourist attraction as people come from all over the world to see the spot where a fictional drug trafficker runs his organization. A pastry shop sells doughnuts topped with blue candy designed to resemble crystal meth. A beauty store has a similar product — crystal blue bathing salts.

As *Breaking Bad* finishes filming its fifth and final season in Albuquerque, the popularity of the show is providing a boost to the economy and creating a dilemma for local tourism officials as they walk the fine line of profiting from a show that centres around drug trafficking, addiction and violence. *Breaking Bad* follows the fictional character Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher turned meth lord.

Albuquerque has seen an unexpected jump in tourists visiting popular sites from the show and local businesses cashing in on its popularity. Tourists are also flocking to sites that before the show were unknown and unimportant — the suburban home of White, played by Bryan Cranston, a car wash that is a front for a money-laundering operation

If you go...

- **Albuquerque Breaking Bad locations.** itsatrip.org/albuquerque/arts/breaking-bad-in-albuquerque.aspx offers map for self-guided tours and other information from the Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau.

on the series, a rundown motel used frequently for filming and the real-life burrito joint, which is a fast food chicken restaurant on the show. The Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau has even created a website of the show's most popular places around town to help tourists navigate, and ABQ Trolley Company sold out all its "BaD" tours last year at \$60 a ticket.

"They ask if they can take pictures. They ask if Gus is here," said Rachel Johnson, 19, a shift manager at the Twisters burrito restaurant in Albuquerque's South Valley, referring to the show's character Gus Fring, played by actor Giancarlo Esposito. The eatery has served as the location for the Los Pollos Hermanos restaurant where Fring runs his drug operation.

Tourism officials and business owners are quick to point out that they are walking a fine line in trying not to promote the dark themes from *Breaking Bad*. But their pride in the show taking place in Albuquerque — and the money that it brings in — is often enough to offset their concerns.

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Albuquerque tourism officials are conflicted over the tourism that *Breaking Bad* has spawned in their city. ISTOCK



Debbie Ball, 60, owner of The Candy Lady store in Albuquerque, displays her new line of "meth candy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bryan Cranston as Walter White, left, and Aaron Paul as Jesse Pinkman in a scene from *Breaking Bad*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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While I am all for deli-style chicken salad sandwiches on thick slices of white bread, sometimes the part of my brain that reminds me I need to be eating a little bit healthier pipes up and insists that some dishes can be made with health in mind.

It turns out, this recipe for Greek Yogurt Chicken Salad is as yummy as the original and can be made even healthier by using it in Chicken Salad Lettuce Wraps.

I also have to admit that I'll eat this stuff out of a bowl on its own, over rice or spread on toast. It's that yummy!

1. In a bowl, add chicken, celery, cucumber and cilantro.
2. Mix in Greek yogurt, Dijon mustard, and avocado until combined.

3. Place equal amounts of cabbage onto each lettuce leaf and top with chicken salad. Roll and enjoy!

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Ingredients

- 2 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 1 rib celery, chopped
- 4 slices cucumber, chopped
- 1-2 tbsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 avocado, peeled, pit removed, sliced and tossed in 1/2 tsp lemon or lime juice if desired (the bottled kind is fine)
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 6 lettuce leaves suitable for wraps

Drink of the Week

Blueberry-Mango Smoothie

This smoothie combines antioxidant-rich blueberries with mangos for a refreshing treat that is ready to enjoy in a few minutes.

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) plain soy milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) plain low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) frozen unsweetened blueberries
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) peeled cubed mango
- 1 packet Pure Via zero calorie sweetener
- 1 to 2 ice cubes

Place soy milk, yogurt, blueberries, mango and sweetener in blender container. Blend on medium speed until smooth. Add ice cubes and continue to blend until smooth. Pour in tall glass and serve.

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Duffy dedicates scoring title to grandfather

Rocket man. Sackville forward uses family death as motivation behind stellar season



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Ben Duffy likely wouldn't be playing in the QMJHL, much less be its top scorer this year, if not for his grandfather Bob Lake.

It wasn't only that he footed the bill for most of the now 21-year-old's minor-hockey expenses, but he was his rock, always providing inspiration and knowing exactly what to say during the difficult times.

"He was a big part of my life and my hockey career," said Duffy, who is from Lower Sackville. "I wouldn't be where I am without him."

After he died of cancer over the summer, Duffy decided to dedicate his last year of junior hockey to him.

What a season it's been for the Prince Edward Island Rocket forward, who racked up 110

points this year, five of which he collected against Saint John on Sunday to vault him past the Halifax Mooseheads' Jonathan Drouin for the scoring title.

"It kind of hit me halfway through the second period when I had already gotten two points in two shifts in (a) row," Duffy said. "They announced that Drouin had no points so I could relax and play my game."

"To have the season I've had after dedicating it to my grandfather feels really special."

In his five seasons with the Rocket, the soft-spoken sniper collected just 18 minutes in penalty minutes.

Duffy chooses to spend his time on the ice putting his talents to good use.

"I don't like to sit in the box; I'd rather be on the ice helping my team."

Although reluctant to indulge in self-praise, he says his biggest strength starts with his work ethic, which allows his superior speed, vision and shot to shine through.

He credits the Rocket for sticking with him through the difficult times, like after his 27-point sophomore season.



Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy recorded 39 goals and 110 points during the regular season. CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

First-round QMJHL playoff matchups

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|---|---|
| • Halifax (1) vs. Saint John (16) | • Quebec (5) vs. Chicoutimi (12) |
| • Baie-Comeau (2) vs. Sherbrooke (15) | • Moncton (6) vs. Victoriaville (11) |
| • Blainville-Boisbriand (3) vs. Bathurst (14) | • P.E.I. (7) vs. Val-d'Or (10) |
| • Rimouski (4) vs. Gatineau (13) | • Rouyn-Noranda (8) vs. Drummondville (9) |



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Will they stay or will they go?

With Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry off the trade market, the interest now switches to several other players who could make an impact, either with teams trying to make the playoffs or with those hoping for a long post-season run.

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Jarome Iginla

The Calgary captain has moved to the top of the list. Flames GM Jay Feaster absolutely needs to trade him to start the rebuilding process. Any deal has to include a first-round pick and a top prospect. Iginla appears ready to move but he has a say in where he'll go. Look for Pittsburgh and Los Angeles to make pitches.

Martin St. Louis

If Steve Yzerman decides it's time to deal him, then St. Louis might move past Iginla as the most sought-after player. Tampa looks like they'll be on the sidelines. St. Louis is 37 but he's still a premier playmaker, with 30 assists to go along with his seven goals. He needs to OK any trade, and

Stevie Y will certainly want some talented youth in return.



David Clarkson

Hard to see Devils GM Lou Lamoriello trading Clarkson, 28, with New Jersey still in the playoff picture. He'll be an unrestricted free agent this summer, so if you're going to give up a draft pick to get him, you'd better be sure you can sign him. It will take more than his current \$2.6-million salary. He scored 30 last season and has 11 in 29 this year.

Marian Gaborik

The New York Rangers apparently are trying to deal him and there's a match if a team can give them a top four defenceman. But he's got a no-trade clause and likes playing and living in Manhattan.



Robert Luongo

It's getting to the point where the Vancouver Canucks might need both of their goalies to even make the playoffs, never mind do some damage in the post-season. Once a lock to be dealt, it now seems more likely a deal will happen in the summer unless Mike Gillis is really desperate for a second-line centre.

Ryan Miller

If there is to be a house cleaning in Buffalo, Miller could fetch some young talent. He can win games on his own when he's motivated. He's spent a career beating the Leafs and he'd look good in Toronto for a playoff run.



NBA

James' Ohio visit overshadowed by win streak

LeBron James and the Miami Heat are about to play another game in Cleveland.

Yawn.

That's what a 23-game winning streak will do. It mutes the LeBron-Goes-Home-Again hype.

But after gutting out a win in Boston on Monday night and what lies ahead, it may no longer be farfetched to think that the record of 33 straight victories set by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers is within Miami's grasp.

"It means a lot," James said after the Boston game. "I know the history of the game. To be sitting in second place right now ... for us to be there and doing it in the way we want to do it, it means a lot."

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NHL. Penguins' parade of wins continues vs. Caps

Defenceman Matt Niskanen scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and Sidney Crosby had two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins extended their winning streak to 10 games with a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday.

Niskanen's goal at 11:58 came nine seconds after the Penguins killed a four-minute penalty in the third period.

The winning streak is the longest of the season for the Eastern Conference-leading

Penguins and the second-longest in the NHL this season.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 28 saves and Crosby picked up his NHL-leading 36th and 37th assists for the Penguins, who were without reigning MVP Evgeni Malkin (shoulder) for the sixth game in a row. The Penguins were also without defenceman Kris Letang (lower body injury).

Braden Holtby made 34 saves for Washington.

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Penguins captain Sidney Crosby takes a hit from Washington's Brooks Laich on Tuesday night in Pittsburgh. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	52	14	.788	—
Indiana	42	26	.618	11
New York	39	26	.600	12½
Brooklyn	39	28	.582	13½
Atlanta	37	30	.552	15½
Chicago	36	30	.545	16
Boston	36	30	.545	16
Milwaukee	34	32	.515	18
Philadelphia	26	40	.394	26
Toronto	26	41	.388	26½
Washington	23	43	.348	29
Detroit	23	46	.333	30½
Cleveland	22	45	.328	30½
Orlando	18	50	.265	35
Charlotte	15	52	.224	37½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	51	16	.761	—
Oklahoma City	50	18	.735	1½
L.A. Clippers	46	21	.687	5
Denver	47	22	.681	5
Memphis	45	21	.682	5½
Golden State	39	30	.565	13
Houston	36	31	.537	15
L.A. Lakers	36	33	.522	16
Utah	34	33	.507	17
Dallas	32	35	.478	19
Portland	31	36	.463	20
Minnesota	23	42	.354	27
Sacramento	23	44	.343	28
Phoenix	23	45	.338	28½
New Orleans	22	46	.324	29½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Tuesday's results

Indiana 95 Orlando 73
Milwaukee 102 Portland 95
Denver 114 Oklahoma City 104
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Boston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	31	23	8	0	110	81	46
NY Rangers	29	15	12	2	70	70	32
New Jersey	30	13	11	6	74	84	32
NY Islanders	29	13	13	3	86	96	29
Philadelphia	30	13	16	1	81	92	27

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	29	19	5	5	92	73	43
Boston	28	19	6	3	82	60	41
Ottawa	30	16	8	6	77	65	38
Toronto	29	15	12	2	86	83	32
Buffalo	30	11	15	4	79	95	26

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Winnipeg	30	16	12	2	80	86	34
Carolina	29	15	12	2	84	82	32
Tampa Bay	29	13	15	1	96	86	27
Washington	29	12	16	1	79	87	25
Florida	30	8	16	6	74	110	22

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results

Winnipeg 3 Boston 1
Ottawa 5 NY Islanders 3
Pittsburgh 2 Washington 1
Florida 4 Carolina 1
Columbus 4 Nashville 3
NY Rangers 3 New Jersey 2
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
St. Louis at Vancouver
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Monday's results
NY Rangers 2 Carolina 1 (SO)
Dallas 4 Philadelphia 2
Tampa Bay 4 Calgary 3
Chicago 5 Colorado 2
Minnesota 3 Vancouver 1
Anaheim 5 San Jose 3
Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 0
Wednesday's games
All times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	29	24	2	3	100	62	51
St. Louis	28	16	10	2	85	80	34
Detroit	29	14	10	5	78	75	33
Columbus	30	12	12	6	68	79	30
Nashville	30	11	13	6	70	81	28

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	28	16	10	2	73	69	34
Vancouver	28	13	9	6	78	80	32
Edmonton	28	11	11	6	69	81	28
Calgary	27	11	12	4	78	91	26
Colorado	28	10	14	4	71	89	24

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	28	21	3	4	95	69	46
Los Angeles	28	16	10	2	85	71	34
San Jose	28	12	10	6	67	74	30
Phoenix	29	12	12	4	77	82	30
Dallas	28	13	12	3	73	84	29

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Phg	13	35	48
Stamkos, TBL	21	19	40
Kunitz, Phg	18	22	40
St-Louis, TBL	7	31	38
Kane, Chi	16	21	37
Staal, Car	14	20	34
Getzlaf, Ana	11	22	33
Tavares, NYI	17	14	31
Vanek, Buf	14	17	31
Voracek, Phi	13	18	31
Duchene, Col	12	19	31
Ribeiro, Wash	10	21	31
Datsyuk, Det	9	21	30
Semin, Car	8	22	30
Zetterberg, Det	8	22	30
Neal, Phg	17	12	29
Ladd, Win	14	15	29
Toews, Chi	14	15	29
Moulson, NYI	11	18	29
Stewart, StL	14	14	28
Pearneau, Col	12	16	28
Letang, Phg	3	25	28

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Another feather in Peter Schreyer's hat



ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

2014 Kia Forte

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre DOHC I4 (148); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (173)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual (1.8); six-speed automatic (optional on 1.8, standard on 2.0)
- **Base price (including destination).** \$17,500 (estimated)

Design

The Forte's looks for 2014 have been dramatically changed from play-it-safe conservative to fashionably sophisticated. The car contains elements of the Elantra, particularly above the beltline with its dramatically sloping windshield, while the distinctive familial "tiger nose" provides an important point of differentiation. Overall length has increased by about 2.5 centimetres, while the distance between the front and rear wheels has



Good design can't be translated unless the quality and materials are first rate. Kia brings that along in lockstep.

been extended by five centimetres. That stretch pays off in added legroom for front and rear passengers, but a lower roofline means there's a bit less total passenger volume than before.

Engine

Also dialed back somewhat is the Forte's power. The new base 1.8-litre engine (also shared with the Elantra) pumps out 148 horsepower and 131 pound-feet of torque, compared with 156 horsepower and 144 pound-feet for the previous base 2.0-litre. The now-optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder (that surprisingly is not on the Elantra sedan's menu) produces 173 horsepower and 154 pound-feet of torque.

Fuel economy

Official fuel-economy stats (a touchy subject for Hyundai/Kia lately, given its recent recanting of fuel economy claims on certain models) have yet to be released, but the numbers for the base 1.8 should be in the 7.0-l/100-km range in the city and about 5.0-5.5 on the highway.

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Despite being an all-new model for 2010, the Kia Forte never really caught on in a big way. When you look at the numbers now, it really has nowhere to go but up, and with this redesign, that's where this compact is headed.

The new Forte that launches this spring bears the unmistakable influence of design chief Peter Schreyer. For the past six

years, the former Audi stylist has been largely responsible for the style of Kia's fleet, as well as those built by its Hyundai parent. With Schreyer's assistance, Hyundai Elantra sales have more than doubled since the 2008 model year, while the Forte, which trails by a considerable margin, has experienced a more modest advance since arriving for 2010. The Forte's platform is shared with the Elantra.

A six-speed manual trans-

mission comes with the 1.8, while a six-speed automatic is optional but standard with the 2.0 along with Kia's "Idle Stop & Go." This piece of new fuel-saving tech shuts off the engine when the Forte is stopped in traffic, then restarts it when the brake pedal is released.

Spending time aboard the Forte will prove comforting for passengers and especially pleasing for the driver who faces an intuitively laid-out dashboard and control panel.

He or she also has command over the level of steering effort with the Forte's optional Flex Steer system. With it, the electric power steering can be adjusted to comfort, normal and sport settings, with the latter offering the least amount of assist.

Of the Forte's two trim levels, the starting-point LX leans to the simpler side of the ledger with its smaller engine, 15-inch steel wheels, basic audio system and the lack of cruise con-

trol or a keyless-remote-entry button on the fob.

Move up to the EX and it's a different story. Along with adding the LX's missing items, you can count on dual-zone climate control, a Microsoft-powered infotainment system, backup camera, glove-box cooler and 16-inch alloy wheels. Oh, and the optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder is also an EX staple.

But it's the lengthy option list that can turn the EX into a junior-sized luxury sedan.

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Some technological shifts take place over decades. Others take longer. We're still waiting, for example, for banking institutions to take less than five business days to clear a local cheque, even though they collectively possess more data transfer technology than the team of international engineers working on the World Space Station.

But let's talk about a technological shift that's more fun — how vehicle off-road technology is evolving from hardware to software.

Before computers crept into vehicles, if you wanted to go up a rugged hill with a 35-degree slope, you needed a squarish Jeep or Land Rover complete with locking differentials and hubs, a set of lower gears, a transfer case to select 4x4 and those lower gears, stiffer and bigger springs, skids plates, and tires so knobby that ground squirrels could live in their



Why is our correspondent driving the 2014 Subaru Forester with two wheels on a roller? Apparently, "it's fun." It was also Subaru's way of showing how cleverly the Forester's AWD system could carry on when both wheels on one side of the vehicle were completely traction deprived. CONTRIBUTED

grooves for weeks. All manly and beefy stuff.

And the driving itself was equally rugged. Levers had to

be pulled with some force. Braking, steering, shifting and gas pedalling all needed to be ratcheted up several

notches over normal "on-pavement" standards.

You might step into an off-road vehicle like a highly evolved man or woman, but once fully 4x4 engaged, you would start grunting instead of using your words, shirt material would magically turn to flannel and your shut-down chainsaw would intermittently murmur in anticipation.

But no such transformation took place last week when we had an opportunity to try out the all-new 2014 Subaru Forester and its new-fangled off-road system. To keep Forester as one of the more capable off-roaders in its segment, Subaru updated its AWD system, but not so much with anything meaty and metallic — more by making it smarter, through software.

Unlike the previous system, this AWD system talks to the steering wheel, the yaw rate sensor (how the vehicle rotates on its centre axis), and a device that measures transverse acceleration (I only wish I knew how to explain that).

Also new is X-Mode. Hit the X-mode switch on the console and Forester is transformed into a slow-speed off-road rock star (only works under 40 km/hr).

Some of the things it does: makes the throttle easier to feed in small amounts of power when going uphill; makes the throttle easier to more quickly feed in power when traversing rough roads and keeps a lower gear longer with no torque converter lock-up.

Because the VDC system is already capable of applying

brakes and throttle to keep a vehicle from spinning out of control, Subaru uses the functions to give us X-Mode's "Hill Descent" feature. Just point the vehicle down a steep hill and keep your feet off the brakes and throttle — and steer. The system automatically brakes and maintains the appropriate speed.

A final thought: after the Forester and I climbed a very steep and craggy hill, and then came down it in Hill Descent mode, and I was suitably impressed, I thought I would walk back up the hill for photo opportunities. All I had to work with was my two un-techno legs, and I couldn't believe how easy it was, and how well suited they were for that task. Don't know where to go with that, just thought I would mention it.

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No matter what type of vehicle you're driving, your fuel economy will improve if you keep a light foot on the throttle. Many automakers are now making it easier by including an "Economy" button that will help do it for you.

"The Econ button has the ability to make you drive gently," says Hayato Mori, manager of product planning for Honda Canada. "It will feel like your engine just went down one size. The car functions fine, but if you're used to certain acceleration, you sacrifice a bit of performance for fuel (savings)."

The Econ button affects the throttle response and air conditioning, along with the transmission on automatic-equipped vehicles.

Most cars no longer have a cable or mechanical linkage connecting the throttle pedal

to the engine. Instead, your foot pressure on the pedal sends an electronic signal to a computer that determines how much fuel to send to the engine.

Since hard "jackrabbit starts" are wasteful, the Econ system regulates a gentler throttle response, although you'll still have power to get up to speed or to pass other traffic.

Staying in a lower gear as your speed increases makes your engine work harder. An automatic transmission will always shift gears when the engine speed is high enough that the next gear is appropriate. But in Econ mode, the transmission will shift into the higher gears as soon as possible to reduce the load on the engine, which also saves fuel.

The Econ system won't have any control over a manual transmission, where it's up to the driver to shift gears, but there may be an upshift light in the dash. This advises the driver, based on the engine speed, when he should shift to a higher gear for better fuel economy.

Finally, when the Econ button is activated and the air conditioning is on, the system will limit the length of time

More tips

- Many vehicles have a "Sport" button, which works opposite to an Econ button: it quickens throttle response, holds lower gears longer, and on some, tightens the steering feel for sportier performance.
- Your fuel economy will always improve if you accelerate gently, and use steady throttle pressure to maintain your speed.

the a/c condenser runs. The condenser uses engine power, so while the cabin may be slightly warmer than with full a/c, you'll notice a difference in fuel consumption.

Several Honda vehicles have lights in the instrument cluster, which coach you to drive more efficiently by changing from green to blue if your foot's too heavy. "If you follow the coaching lights and use the Econ button, you can get up to four and possibly six per cent savings in fuel," Mori says.



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March 21 - April 20

As of today, all the pieces of your jigsaw that failed to fit will at last fall into place. You will know who you are, what you want and that surely you will get it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You seem to feel guilty about something and with the Sun moving into the most sensitive area of your chart today, it could all get a bit much for you. Get a grip!

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't leave people guessing today. Tell them exactly what you mean. Over the next few weeks, you will find it easy to win friends and influence people. So, speak up and when necessary, speak loudly.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You can and you must pursue your own ambitions, whatever they might be. According to the planets, this is a make or break time as far as your reputation is concerned. Be positive and be ready to move up.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may find yourself called upon to help someone in need today and, of course, you will assist in any way you can. However, do not — repeat, not — lend them money because chances are you won't see it again.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you have fallen out with a friend or family member now is the time to kiss and make up. But make sure any apology you make sounds sincere or you could find yourself in deeper water than before.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your needs must come first. As the Sun moves into your opposite sign today so partners and colleagues will expect you to do everything for them. Put your foot down right from the start, on their toes if necessary!

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't leave anything to chance: Stay on top of work and money matters and make sure you are the only one who can make things happen. If you let others make decisions for you, they may take your power.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is excitement in the air. You know that something wonderful is going to happen. And so it is, but don't be too disappointed if it is not quite as wonderful as you expected. It will get better as time goes on.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There are days when all you want to do is watch the world go by from the safety of your armchair, and this is one of them. Not even a Capricorn can be a mover and shaker all the time.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your mind may be full of good ideas but how many of them will see the light of day? Too often in the past you have failed to follow up on your insights, but now you must. It's your turn to shine.

Pisces

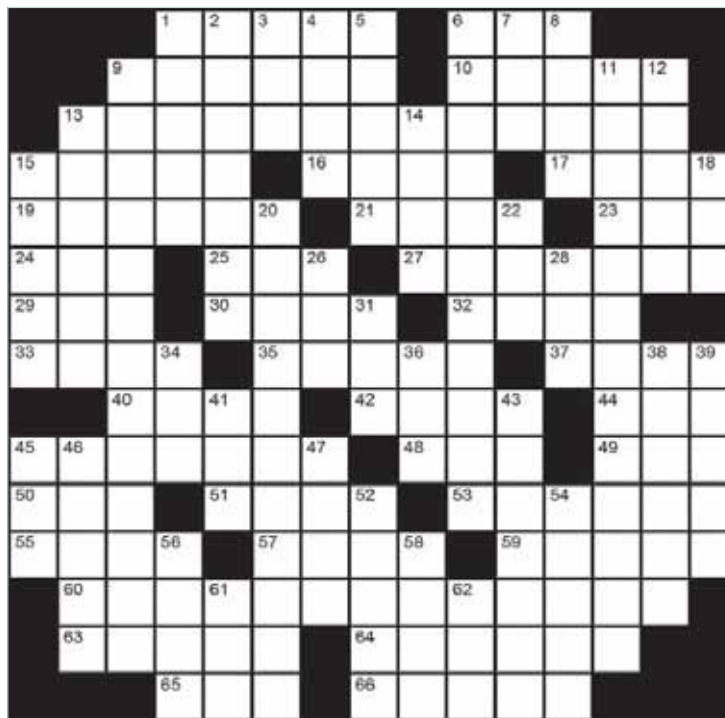
Feb. 20 - March 20

The Sun may be leaving your sign but that does not mean the good times are ending. On the contrary, you will soon enjoy rewards of the efforts you made in recent weeks. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Salma Hayek movie
6. Dance style
9. Shut
10. Wiseguy, Smart ___ [var. sp.]
13. "Wondering Where the Lions Are" singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
15. Erased
16. Knight's heraldic wreath
17. Enjoy a novel
19. Namesakes of Mario's brother in Nintendo games
21. Lunchtime
23. "Law & Order: ___"
24. Assn.
25. Lid's protectee
27. Like the stone of a foot file
29. Fitness system, ___ Bo
30. Rosebud, for one
32. Prong
33. Word segment, for short
35. Grassland of South Africa
37. Empire of Peru
40. Ms. O'Grady of "Eight Is Enough"
42. Toward: French
44. Carson Daly's li'l old MTV show
45. Coming into sight: 2 wds.
48. Big Apple toy store, ___ Schwarz
49. Vintage auto
50. Utah's capital [acronym]



51. Cup ' ___ (Hot drink, informally)
53. Boorish beings in Jonathan Swift's book
54. Gulliver's Travels
55. North Pole laugh: 2 wds.
57. Village People hit
59. Gets boring
60. One of Queen Eliza-

- beth's royal residences: 2 wds.
63. Fresco-___ (Painting technique)
64. Permeates
65. "Ich bin ___ Berliner."
66. Feats

Down

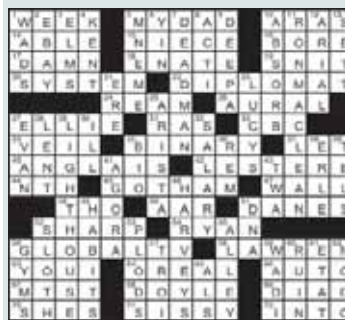
1. Thrown

2. Western Canada mountains
3. 'Expert' suffix
4. Design style, Art ___
5. Embellish
6. Fast food item for 'to go' customers: 2 wds.
7. Religious robe
8. Fear: French
9. 1885: British Columbia

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11. Croissants: 2 wds.
12. Card deck's Jack
13. ___ and DVD
14. Hoof sound
15. Ink stains
18. Flop
20. Ian's folk duo partner: 2 wds.
22. Acr. for first-last names only people
26. Wide shoe width
28. 'Tortell' ender (Stuffed pasta)
31. Gladiator's 555
34. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
36. Word's meaning, for short
38. Elvis flick, "King ___" (1958)
39. At ___ for words
41. Prefix with 'classical'
43. Dishwater bubbles, but just one here: 2 wds.
45. Informally seat theatre-goers
46. Works the land
47. Record deal dreamer's creation, commonly
52. Bitter
54. Detests
56. Irish film of 2006 about two songwriters
58. Pinnacle
61. 601 in ancient Rome
62. Homer's dad on "The Simpsons"

Yesterday's Crossword



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7	4	1	9	3	8	5	6	2
8	9	5	6	1	2	4	3	7
2	5	8	4	6	1	9	7	3
1	3	6	7	9	5	8	2	4
4	7	9	2	8	3	6	1	5
5	6	7	8	2	4	3	9	1
9	1	2	3	5	6	7	4	8
3	8	4	1	7	9	2	5	6

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